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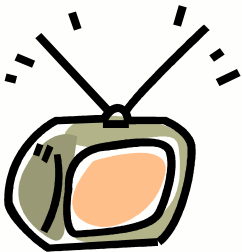
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Destination Downtown!



Plans are underway to create an identity for Downtown Brighton. The Brighton Urban Renewal Authority (BURA) has made downtown a priority for 2010 and there are many projects underway to increase the vitality of the city's oldest district.

In the coming months, downtown will have a new look with the installation of colorful banners which will feature the new downtown logo and seasonal/event themes. The new banners will replace the green banners that currently hang on the light poles downtown. In early spring, the City's Parks and Recreation division will begin installing flower baskets on the green light poles on Main Street and Bridge Street. The flower baskets and new signage will kick off spring in grand fashion.

The Downtown Brighton website is scheduled to launch at the end of April. Check it out at: www.dtbrighton.com. The site contains information on the businesses downtown, special events, historic information/photos, parking information, news about the Cultural Center and real estate information. This is a great resource for the community, local businesses and potential new investors. Downtown is about to get a makeover!

Trash Bash— new drop-off program

The city of Brighton will hold its annual Trash Bash for two weekends this year - April 29, 30 and May 1, and again May 6, 7 and 8. Due to limited resources, this year's event will require residents to drop off their items between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the city's Wastewater Treatment facility collection site, 325 North Kuner Road. A suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted to help defray the cost of the service. In addition, the city will provide pick-up service for those with special needs between May 3-5. To request pick-up, please call 303-655-2034. For more information about accepted items, please visit www.brightonco.gov and click on "more" under the News & Notices section, or call 303-655-2087.

Wily Coyotes

As spring arrives and temperatures warm up, sightings of wild animals like coyotes and foxes within city limits are increasing. While these sightings are normal, and can provide an enjoyable reminder of the benefits of living in Brighton, they also represent a potential threat to domesticated animals and their owners as these wild animals search for food.



Coyotes in particular are extremely adaptable animals that quickly adjust to city life. Trash and even food left outside for a pet can attract these animals, which may then return to their new 'hunting grounds.' Dogs or cats allowed to run loose make attractive prey for coyotes, which often outsize them and sometimes team-up to hunt larger prey; and wild animals that have been intentionally fed look for other sources in the immediate area once the food that was left runs out. Residents are reminded that because these are wild animals, Animal Control officers cannot trap or remove them, and will not be dispatched unless there is an immediate threat to public safety. Additional information about how to avoid unpleasant encounters with wildlife can be found on the City of Brighton website at www.brightonco.gov; under News & Notices, click on "More."

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Meeting Information

The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall 3rd floor.

City Council Study Sessions are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Room at City Hall, 3rd floor.

City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave.

All Regular Brighton City Council meetings and Study Sessions are open to the public. Residents and other interested parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings and require special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations, please notify the City Manager's Office at 303-655-2043.

Brighton, like many cities across the country, is affected by the economy. Our revenue collections have not kept up with our expenditures, and therefore we must make adjustments to our budget. The difference in revenues and expenditures in 2009 was \$762,723 and the difference in 2010 is estimated to be \$1,357,741. These are just estimates and can, and probably will, change up or down depending on sales tax and permit fees.

There are two major funds, the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund, of which there are 13 different funds each designated for a specific purpose. We are often asked if budgets are so lean, how come there are projects taking place around town or projects on the horizon such as the new Aquatic Park or the new Adult Recreation Center. We can only use money from a fund if it is for the purpose of the fund. For example, we can not use money in the Parks and Recreation fund for streets or we can not use money in the landscaping fund for special events.

City departments have worked very hard over the past few months to look at ways to be more efficient and cut costs. These strategic discussions are very difficult. We are doing our best to keep the level of service as we've always had, but that may not always be possible. These are challenging times for everyone.

Our Economic Development Corporation is working with a number of potential new business prospects. This is a

Message from City Council: Budget

critical component because with new businesses come new tax dollars, which are critical to sustaining our economy and our services.

Please read the "Top 10 Reason to Shop Local" and consider keeping your tax dollars in your city. These taxes help support your city services. We are hopeful that the economy will improve and Brighton will continue to flourish. Thank you again for making Brighton your home and for allowing us to serve you

Ten Reasons to Shop Local

1. Significantly more money re-circulates in Brighton when purchases are made locally.
2. Nonprofits receive greater support.
3. Unique businesses are an integral part of our distinctive character.
4. Reduces environmental impact.
5. Most new jobs are provided by local businesses.
6. Customer service is a higher priority.
7. Local business owners invest in our community.
8. Put your taxes to good use.
9. Competition and diversity leads to more choices.
10. Strengthens and encourages investment in our re-

City Council Members



Terry Moore
Ward 1



Chris Maslanik
Ward 1



Dick McLean
Mayor



Rex Bell
Ward 2



Cynthia Martinez
Ward 2



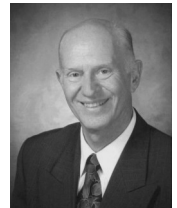
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Protecting Your Drinking Water

Testing Now Required for Backflow Prevention Devices

The City of Brighton's Utilities Department is focusing on backflow prevention—the reverse flow of contaminated water into a building's water supply. The law requires that every connection with the public water system be protected with a backflow prevention device. This device must be tested by a licensed Backflow Tester during initial installation, and then annually. A test report must be filed with the Utilities Department.

The city has recently purchased a computer software that allows staff to monitor backflow assemblies, track existing devices, identify the need of a business to install a new device, ensure that devices are tested annually, and improve communication with water customers. This is a major step forward in the protection of the city's drinking water from contamination by end users.

Currently backflow requirements apply to commercial businesses and multifamily units. It is the responsibility of the property owner to have backflow prevention assemblies installed and tested. **The city's deadline for testing domestic, fire and irrigation assemblies is June 15 of each year to coincide with the start of irrigation season.**

If you have a backflow prevention assembly on your property, please do your part to ensure a safe drinking water supply for yourself and everyone in Brighton. If you have any questions about Brighton's Cross Connection Program, please feel free to call the Utilities Department at 303-655-2121.

What are Backflow Preventers?

In an unprotected system, water can—and does—flow both in and out of a building or fixture. When water service is interrupted in the street or in a building for any reason, there is a pressure drop which can draw contaminated water backwards into the water system. Cleaning fluids may be drawn back from car washes. Stagnant water from fire sprinkler systems may enter the drinking waterline. Bacteria and pathogens of all sorts can be siphoned back into the water system from air conditioning cooling towers. Chemicals from medical clinic's x-ray development may flow backwards into the potable water system.

Backflow preventers, also known as Reduce Pressure (RP) or Double Check (DC) devices, protect the city's water supply from outside contamination. The devices operate by allowing water to flow in only one direction. Backflow protection is required wherever an end user poses a risk of polluting the city's water.

Omission to Regulations

Due to the potential threat to public health and safety, violations involving Cross Connection are subject to citation and fine. Any person violating the city's Cross Connection Control Ordinance (Chapter 15, Article 36 of the Municipal Code) is subject to enforcement: fines (\$300.00) and/or imprisonment.

For more information contact:

City of Brighton Utilities Department - Juliana Archuleta, 303-655-2121 or jarchuleta@brightonco.gov.

**Outdoor Warning
Sirens are tested
the first Wednesday of every
month**

**Use the City's
One-Stop Shop
for Walk-In
Water Payment**

**Extended Hours
7:30 am—5:30 pm
Or
Pay Online
www.brightonco.gov**

Report Potholes

**www.brightonco.gov
and click on
"Action Center"
or
call 303-655-2087**

Sponsors Needed for Recycle Bins

The Brighton Youth Commission has brought free recycling to the citizens of Brighton. One bin has been placed at 1901 E Bridge Street, for the use of all citizens. Because there are only a few bins in the city, it has been an overwhelming success. The Youth Commission is in need of citizens to help sponsor the bins to help keep the project going. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact the Youth Resource Department at 303-655-2123.



Graffiti Hotline
303-655-2097

**Water & Sewer
Emergency**
303-655-2070

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY
911

POLICE ADMINISTRATION
303-655-2300

COMMUNITY
RESOURCES
303-655-2365

ANIMAL CONTROL
303-655-2091

VICTIM SERVICES
303-655-2308

ADMAS COUNTY
SOCIAL SERVICES
303-412-8121

COMMUNITY REACH
CENTER
(COUNSELING SERVICES)
303-853-3600

PLATTE VALLEY
MEDICAL CENTER
303-498-1600

Mountain Pine Beetle has been identified and confirmed in Brighton



Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) - *Dendroctonus ponderosa* - will attack Scotch Pine (a.k.a. Scots Pine) and Ponderosa Pine in the Brighton area, and generally only those that are 6" or larger in diameter. Austrian Pines, Spruce, and Fir trees should not be vulnerable to attacks by the MPB.

How did they get here?

Firewood and wind are the probable causes of this infestation in Brighton. If you have firewood stored that was brought down from the mountains, cover the pile with clear plastic. The plastic must be clear and in full sun. Temperatures

must reach 110 degrees Fahrenheit inside the bark and the plastic must be tightly sealed at the base so beetles cannot escape. It is also recommended the logs are wetted down before applying the plastic. Firewood should be de-barked at its original location to prevent relocating the insect into new areas. Do not harvest green firewood in the mountains. Firewood should especially not be harvested in June and July.



What are the signs of MPB attacking your tree?

Here are the symptoms that Scotch or Ponderosa Pines are being attacked by Mountain Pine beetles:

- ◆ Popcorn shaped pitch (sap), coming out of the trunk anywhere from the ground up to 20 or so feet. This will be either creamy white or pinkish in color.
- ◆ Boring dust in bark crevices and on the ground. Foliage will turn yellow or red eight to ten months after the attack.

What can be done if your tree is being attacked?

Nothing can be done if trees are currently under attack. Prevention is the only way to stop Mountain Pine Beetle. It should be noted that it is not the beetle itself that kills the tree. If the beetle successfully enters the tree, it can carry a fungus called Blue-stain. Blue-stain fungus spreads throughout the vascular system of the tree and eventually kills it.

Good news:

The good news is that in other communities such as Fort Collins, 9 out of 10 trees being attacked by Mountain Pine Beetles have successfully defended themselves from the attacks. This means homeowners should **not** cut down their trees yet, if they suspect or confirm attack by the MPB. It is recommended that they spray their trees next May. Chemicals such as carbaryl and permethrin work well as preventative sprays. The entire trunk should be covered. Branches and anything smaller than 6" in diameter shouldn't need coverage. Homeowners are advised to read the label before applying the insecticide themselves. Licensed tree service companies also provide this service.

Keep your trees healthy:

Healthy trees have the best chance of defending themselves from MPBs. Be sure to water your trees adequately during the winter months when we do not have significant snowfall. Evergreens, particularly, dry out during sunny, windy, winter weather.

More Information:

Residents can call with any questions or concerns: 303-655-2089 or send an e-mail to ksylvester@brightonco.gov. There is a Mountain Pine Beetle link on the forestry web page as well. Go to www.brightonco.gov, look under "Departments," click on "Parks and Recreation," then click on "Forestry" and scroll down under Useful Links to Mountain Pine Beetle Information.

2010 Chemical Roundup Events Postponed

Due to increased cost, low participation rates and budget limitations, the City of Brighton will not offer a household chemical roundup event for its residents during 2010. Although the Adams County Chemical Roundups will continue to take place this year, unfortunately only waste from residents of unincorporated Adams County, Thornton, Federal Heights and Commerce City will be accepted (proof of residence is required).

Brighton residents are encouraged to find a private company that will provide disposal services. The following list offers alternate ways to dispose of items in an environmentally safe and efficient manner. This is a reference list only, and these businesses are not necessarily affiliated with the city. Fees and restrictions may apply. Please call the companies for specific details.

- ♦ Automotive batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, used filters: Streets Division, 303-655-2087
- ♦ Electronic waste, computers, cell phones, rechargeable batteries: GRX, 720-377-7700
- ♦ Diesel fuel: Mesa Oil, 303-426-4777
- ♦ Companies providing hazardous waste collection services are listed in the Phone Book Yellow Pages under "Waste Disposal – Hazardous" or "Environmental and Ecological Services."
- ♦ Explosive or shock sensitive wastes (unwanted ammunition, road flares and fireworks): Contact the Brighton Police Department at 303-655-2300.
- ♦ Fire extinguishers: Fire & Safety of Denver, 303-295-3750 or Eco-Cycle's CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials), 303-444-6634.

Other Useful Tips:

Choose safer alternatives whenever possible. Avoid aerosols. Avoid products containing chlorinated compounds, petroleum distillates, solvent-based, phenols and formaldehyde. Buy only what you need. Give left over products to a responsible neighbor or friend. Plant pest- and disease-resistant species of plants. Dispose of dried latex paint with regular trash. Do not dump chemicals into the sanitary or storm sewer system.



Brighton CERT

The Brighton Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established in 2007 as a means to expand volunteer opportunities in our community in order to build a resilient community. In 2007 the Brighton Office of Emergency Management offered public training via the North Central Region's Citizen Corps Council utilizing the 8-hour Be Ready and the 32-CERT training. The original class was held in September 2007 and provided participants with hands-on-skills to become self-sufficient prior to, during and after an emergency situation. The class format set the foundation for those individuals who want to get involved in their community more directly.

The original team started off with four members. The second year the team expanded to 12 members and third year we are at 18 members. Team requirements include completing the 32-hours CERT class, volunteer application process, background check and a ride-along with our police department. The Brighton CERT volunteers donated over 750 hours back to the city in 2009 providing logistical support, first aid, security presence, and traffic control in annual events such as the Eggstravaganza, Culture Fest, Battle of the Bands, and Festival of Lights. The city has made a commitment to incorporate this valuable asset into normal daily operations.

The members of the team have really become a driving force to the success of our program. We have several volunteers certified as CERT Trainers who have taken over all public education classes for the city and the Greater Brighton Fire Protection District. Along with certified storm spotters who conduct public education classes and contact the Office of Emergency Management and give up-to-date weather updates, we are working on getting more volunteers trained in CPR, animal issues and shelter operations. The Brighton CERT team is reaching out to other CERT programs throughout the U.S. to network on best practices.

The Brighton Police Department has developed specific training for the CERT Team to be able to deploy in the field with our Mobile Field Force. We have provided overview training on our Mobile Command & Communications Unit (MCCU) and Grid Searches. Our goals for 2010 are to increase team membership, focus on Shelter Operations and Animal issues. A prepared community is a resilient community.

For additional information on the Brighton CERT program, visit www.brightoncert.org or www.brightonco.gov. **Our next CERT class starts in July.** To register please contact Rebecca Martinez at (303) 655-2316 or rmartinez@brightonco.gov

Upcoming Events

City Special Events
720-685-7339
www.brightonco.gov

June 5—Culturefest

July 4—4th of July

Aug. 14—Market Day

**Performing Arts and
Cultural Events at the
Brighton Armory**
303-655-2026
www.BrightonArmory.org

May 7—Art at the Armory

May 9—Mother's Day
Concert

May 15—Valley Bank and
Trust Relay for Life Fund-
raiser Concert

May 28-30 & June 4-6—
Platte Valley Players pre-
sents "Darks Deeds at
Swan's Place"

June 5—Brighton Cultural
Arts Commission presents
Artfest!

Give us a Call

City Hall	655-2000
Recreation Ctr.	655-2200
Senior Ctr.	655-2075
Police Dept.	655-2300
Animal Control	655-2091
Economic Dev.	655-2155
Water Billing	655-2009
Public Works	655-2034
Parks & Rec.	655-2049
Planning	655-2059
Bldg. Permits	655-2016
Municipal Court	655-2064
Water & Sewer	655-2082
Water & Sewer Emergency	655-2070
Hall of Justice	659-1161
Ad. Co. Adm.	659-2120
Brighton Chamber	659-0223
Adams Co. Sheriff	654-1850
Adams Co. Library	659-2572
School Admin.	655-2900

May

June

City Meetings

4th	City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
5th	Urban Renewal Authority 4:30 pm Parks Advisory Board 5:30 pm
6th	Youth Commission, 5:30 pm
11th	Planning Commission, 6:00 pm Study Session 6:00 pm
11h	Brighton Housing Authority, 5:30 pm
13th	Youth Service Center Adv. Comm. 4:30 pm
18th	City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
19th	BURA Study Session, 4:30 pm
25th	Planning Commission, 6:00 pm Study Session, 6:00 pm
27th	Youth Service Center Adv. Comm. 4:30 pm

1st	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd	Urban Renewal Authority, 4:30 pm Parks and Rec Adv. Board, 5:30 pm
8th	Planning Commission, 6:00 pm Study Session, 6:00 pm
10th	Youth Services Ctr. Adv. Comm. 4:30 pm Housing Authority, 5:30 pm
15th	City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
22nd	Planning Commission, 6:00 pm Study Session, 6:00 pm
24th	Youth Service Center Adv. Comm. 4:30 pm

Senior Corner

Brighton Senior Center, 575 Bush, 303-655-2075

Ageless Art Show

Wednesday, May 19: Art Show 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Meet the artists from 10 a.m. – noon.

“Ageless Art” is the name of the art show featuring projects from Brighton Senior Center’s various classes. View oil paintings, Japanese Bunka embroidery pictures, quilts, wood carvings, tatting and loom beading, bead weaving and tatting – all handmade from participants in the classes at the center. Have you always wanted to paint, sew or tat but didn’t really know where to go or how to get involved? This is your opportunity to talk to instructors and participants. Most classes have a limited meeting schedule for the summer.



Shingles Vaccinations

Tuesday, May 25: 4—6 p.m.

Tri-County Health Department has received a grant enabling them to offer a limited number of free shingles vaccinations. The target populations are those age 60-65 without insurance and those 65+ without Part D insurance. First come, first served for the shot.

Sign of the Times



Recent visitors to Brighton retailers may have noticed signs announcing that it is illegal to sell certain materials associated with graffiti to juveniles. The signs reflect changes made to City of Brighton ordinances, making it illegal for minors to purchase or possess these materials except in specific legitimate-use situations, and making property owners responsible for removal of graffiti within a specified time-frame. For more information about graffiti, or to view a copy of the new ordinance, visit www.brightonco.gov; click on Departments, Police and scroll to the bottom for the “Graffiti Information Page.”